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Calendar

Monday Tower 75th Anniversary

The Alexander Architectural Archive celebrates the 75th anniversary of The University of Texas Tower with an open house to display original drawings and photographs of The Tower. The open house is held at Battle Hall from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., with cake and refreshments.

Terror Tuesday

Alamo Drafthouse will be presenting "Dr. Black, Mr. Hyde," a film about a doctor who is testing a life-saving serum potentially saving thousands of lives. However the serum transforms the poor doctor into a raging demon hungry for prostitutes. Showtime is at 10:15 p.m. Admission is \$1.

Wednesday FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the one application needed to apply for financial aid grants, work study and student loans. Attend a free FAFSA session to help complete the application from 1-3 p.m. in MEZ 2.120.

Thursday Waiting for Paradise

A 17th century artist is tasked with painting the portrait of a doomed prince in "Cennet Beklerken." This film series will take place from 6-8 p.m. in MEZ 1.120.

Friday Hip vs. Cool

The American Studies Graduate Student Events Committee welcomes Dr. Joel Dinerstein presenting a talk titled "Hip vs. Cool: Delineating Two Key Concepts in American Popular Culture." The talk will be held in BUR 436A at 3 p.m.

Quote to note

"The ranking demonstrates that Austin has generous community members who help support those who are less fortunate."

— **Sly Majid**
Chief Service Officer in the Mayor's office

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Today in history

In 1827

Students took to the streets dancing in New Orleans dressed in masks and costumes marking the beginning of the famous Mardi Gras celebrations.

Campaign may file lawsuit, cites first amendment

By Jody Serrano
Daily Texan Staff

Former presidential candidate Madison Gardner and running mate Antonio Guevara said they may file a lawsuit against UT as a last resort to get back on the campus-wide elections ballot.

They claim the Election Code rules the Election Supervisory Board and Student Government Judicial Court used to disqualify them violated their constitutional rights.

Campaign manager Alexander Jones said Gardner and Guevara will explore various plans of ac-

tion within the Office of the Dean of Students and other entities this week before the elections to try and get Gardner and Guevara back on the ballot. The Judicial Court denied Gardner and Guevara's second appeal of the Election Supervisory Board's disqualification Sunday and issued a separate disqualification

punishment to signify their agreement with the Board's decision. The Board disqualified the Gardner campaign on Feb. 22 for associating itself with Student Events Center presidential candidate Carissa Kelley via promotional materials for their campaign.

Jones said they may file a case

with the Travis County Court because the Election Code provision banning any association between candidates violates their first amendment right to associate with anyone they choose. He said Travis County has intervened in SG

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Zachary Strain | Daily Texan Staff

Eva Longoria delivers the keynote for the 2012 Lozano Long Conference at the Student Activity Center Saturday afternoon.

Forum promotes Latinos in politics

By Alexa Ura
Daily Texan Staff

Latinos must become more civically engaged by overcoming negative labels and empowering themselves, said actress Eva Longoria during a speech on campus for the 2012 Lozano Long Conference on Saturday.

Longoria was the keynote speaker

of the four-day conference and spoke about the changing landscape of the Latino community in the United States. The University's Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies and the Center for Mexican American Studies sponsored the conference.

The "Desperate Housewives" actress said the character of the United States is changing because of the

growing population of what were once minority groups.

"It's important to think about what this means for Latinos," Longoria said. "It's time for Latinos to stop being a minority and instead become the biggest influential racial group"

Provost Steven Leslie, who introduced the Corpus Christi native, said the University is reflective of the growing number of Latinos in the

United States with 17.6 percent of current students being Latinos.

It is easy for Latinos to experience an identity crisis when the society they live in does not encourage equality and instead fixates on negative labels that make them feel inferior, Longoria said. She said Latinos should make an effort to build

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ENTERPRISE

TSM Board will meet in attempt to resolve issues

By Megan Strickland
Daily Texan Staff

As the Texas Student Media Board of Trustees meets this morning to discuss issues regarding the circumstances surrounding the resignation of director Gary Borders, the organization also faces repercussions of financial and staffing problems that have accumulated.

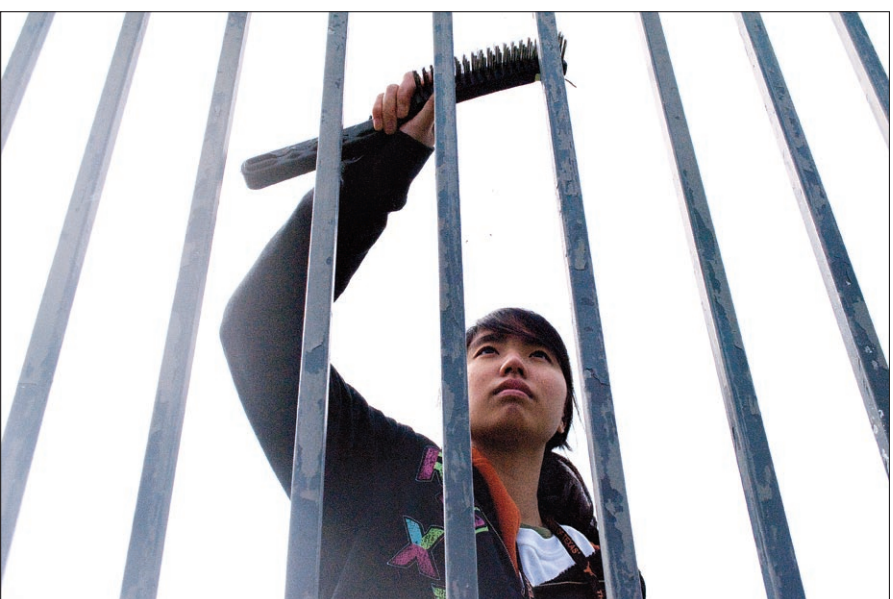
A budget deficit, falling advertising revenue and recurrent vacancies in critical leadership roles are affecting TSM's ability to operate. While budget deficits and falling advertising revenue are problems that plague college media nationwide, some problems may have arisen from TSM's unique structure.

"No other collegiate media entity that I am aware of has a governing board and University reporting [requirement]," said Jennifer Hammat, assistant vice president of student affairs and a former interim director of TSM.

A board of operating trustees governs TSM, which is not independent of UT. Its entities include The Daily Texan, TSTV, KVRX 91.7 FM, The Cactus Yearbook and The Texas Travesty. The director of TSM reports to both the vice president of student affairs and the TSM board of trustees. The Declaration of Trust

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Kristy Han, UT freshmen, scrapes off old paint on the fence at the Dove Springs Recreation Center Saturday Morning.



Skylar Isdale
Daily Texan Staff

Students join in largest day of service

By David Leffler
Daily Texan Staff

An event organized by numerous University volunteer organizations teamed with the Texas Exes to orchestrate the largest day of community service in UT history.

The Project, which took place on Saturday, involved more than 2,000 participants and focused specifically on the Dove Springs and Onion Creek communities. There were 12 work sites throughout the two areas where volunteers painted murals, planted gardens and performed other beautification tasks.

Charlotte Hockens, government senior and The Project's

Service Learning Committee chairman, said The Project had more volunteers this year than ever before.

"It's incredible that a group of full-time students can execute something that's so beneficial to the Austin community. It's really inspiring," she said.

Hockens, who was working at the Dove Springs recreation center, said The Project positively affects the communities.

"The youth of Dove Springs are so excited that UT students are taking time out of their day and out of their lives to come here and spend a day with them in their community," she said. "It's such an exciting thing for them, which makes it even more

exciting for us."

Hockens said she believes The Project will have a resounding effect on everyone involved.

Laura Carpenter, Texas Exes assistant director of chapters, said UT alumni also coordinated a global event titled "Texas Exes Care About The Project," which involved more than 50 chapters and 1000 Texas Exes participants globally on Saturday.

Carpenter said she believes events like this are a great way to represent UT.

"It's a good opportunity to show the community, not only in Austin but all

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Leffingwell's campaign held 'Ferris Bueller' inspired event

By Kayla Jonsson
Daily Texan Staff

Mayor Lee Leffingwell launched his re-election campaign with an homage to his favorite movie, "Ferris Bueller's Day Off."

The Leffingwell campaign hosted a kickoff party Saturday night. The party included free beer and food provided by Austin Barbecue Company, live music and a showing of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" provided by the Alamo Drafthouse Rolling Roadshow. The mayor was present at the event to visit with supporters.

"I just want to give everyone a chance to come out and meet me and see what my campaign is all about and have a good time while doing it," Leffingwell said.

Supporters were invited to the party through a two-minute campaign video reenacting the opening scene of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." Leffingwell played Ferris, former mayor Will Wynn played Ferris' best friend Cameron and city councilman Chris Riley played a student gossiping about Ferris' absence from class.

"I never thought I had much acting talent and I'm still not so sure I do, but people seem to like it," Leffingwell said.

Leffingwell's campaign manager J.D. Gins said people have responded the most to a scene in which Leffingwell lip-synchs to Wayne Newton's "Danke Schoen" in the shower with his hair spiked in a mohawk.

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Mayor Lee Leffingwell speaks to media during his campaign kickoff Saturday evening.

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I don't need no one love me. This cookie gonna love me.

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elections in the past, citing the 1997 case of vice presidential candidate Marc Levin. Levin took the charges up with Travis County and the judge ordered UT to postpone the elections and after review put Levin back on the ballot.

Jones also said in the 2008 changes to the Election Code there was specific language that classified an association between candidates as any official campaign title, banner or acronym to classify two or more candidates to run as a "ticket." SG ratified the Election Code in 2008 to ban the ticket system, in which candidates could endorse one another and run together under one name.

"We believe that there needs to be a review of the decision and that precedent needs to be followed," Jones said. "Based on the precedents, there is no reason they should have ever been disqualified."

Jones said the Gardner campaign understood it could not associate with other SG candidates, but Kelley is a candidate for a position with University Unions. He said that was never made clear to them in any meeting with SG officials or the Board. He said the campaign did have the right to appeal because the Board did not interpret the Election Code as the original authors intended.

Rachel Meyerson, former College of Liberal Arts representative and educational psychology graduate student, co-authored the legislation defining candidate associations in 2008 and said she felt Gardner and Guevara did have the right to appeal and the Elec-

tion Code was not interpreted as they originally intended.

"Our intent was to make sure candidates were not running under one large banner," she said. "[Madison and Antonio] were not running under one large banner. I am confused as to why the Board would disqualify them because it does not seem to be in violation of what we wrote."

In their second appeal to the court, the Gardner campaign affirmed chair Eric Nimmer allegedly consulted with College of Liberal Arts representative Philip Wiseman on the Board's decision. They also claimed the Board failed to maintain objectivity because of Nimmer's personal bias and that he has an improper influence on the Board because he helped author the current Election Code and serves on the Board as well as the Judicial Court.

The Gardner campaign submitted audio evidence of Nimmer talking to Wiseman and discussing the decision after it had been made. When Wiseman asked if there was going to be any more disqualifications, Nimmer said, "Well, let someone piss me off."

Nimmer did not deny that he said that, but said it was taken out of context. He said he never spoke to Wiseman or anyone before the decision was made and gave the Board official opinion to people who asked for it afterwards because it was public information.

"The idea of me being out to get people and me having the power to do so is completely comical," Nimmer said. "I am on the record as not wanting to disqualify people because I want students to be able to vote."

Nimmer said he still believes the board's ruling is sound.

NO PIG LEFT BEHIND IN WILDFIRE RECOVERY



Marisa Vasquez | Daily Texan Staff
Stephen and Lisa Ross, who evacuated Bastrop during the September wildfires, said Sunday afternoon the hardest part about the move was getting Twinkie, their 85 pound potbelly pig, to come with them.

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cultural wealth through exploration of their backgrounds.

"We need to straddle the hyphen that joins multiple demographic labels through education and empower ourselves," she said. "We are not lacking diversity in the United States, but we do need diversity of thought."

Charlie Hale, director of the Lonzano Long Institute, said Longoria is someone who hasn't forgotten where she came from. She was asked to be the keynote speaker of the conference because of how she

has used her high-profile status to become an activist on behalf of Latino issues, he said.

"Eva has devoted a significant amount of resources toward collective action to address Latino rights," Hale said. "She was the ideal speaker for this conference because she speaks from experience as a Latino herself who has worked for her people."

Norma J. Torres, member of the California Assembly and a speaker at the conference, said Latinos must be involved in the community in order to move away from negative stereotypes.

"We have an opportunity to show we are not a class of people that society scapegoats for a bad economy,"

Torres said. "We need Latinos to work toward better representing the type of people we really are."

Torres also said Latinos have a long way to go and there is a need for more Latinas in the political sphere and other influential areas of society.

Longoria said if an individual isn't civically engaged then they don't have a voice, and Latinos must be involved in politics to combat incorrect perspectives and inequality.

"I think back on the work of Latina activists from the '60s and wonder where today's Dolores Huerta is," she said. "Each one of you is an ambassador, and I think they are here in this room right now"

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for the organization states an endowment of \$5 million would allow TSM to become an independent entity, but unless such an endowment is made, TSM employees are considered employees of the University.

The involvement of the Office of Student Affairs has become a source of conflict at TSM. Borders told the Texan that Juan Gonzalez, the outgoing vice president of student affairs, forced his Feb. 8 resignation after Borders raised the ideas of selling TSM's television and radio licenses. Gonzalez said he followed policy involving university personnel performance with

regard to Borders' resignation.

Wanda Cash, associate director of the School of Journalism and former TSM board member, said personnel issues were handled differently previously.

"If there were performance issues, the vice president of student affairs contacted me, and then in consultation with the president of the board we worked out what had arisen," Cash said. "This time that did not happen and that's what is very troubling. The vice president of student affairs acted alone in terminating the director."

Board member Tim Lott, vice president of audience strategy for the Cox Media Group, said the board was unaware there was a problem with Borders' performance.

"I literally had no idea there was any sort of problem that could potentially end in a termination," Lott said.

The board will discuss the possibility of appointing an interim TSM director this morning.

While facing absent leadership, TSM has a March 19 budget deadline looming. The organization is already facing the effects of a budget deficit.

The 2011-2012 annual budget has

a projected \$175,252 deficit that draws from the organization's reserve fund that fell to \$723,665.55 in November. Advertising revenue for TSM has declined from \$2,326,411 four years ago, to \$1,509,839 last year.

Texas Student Television is the only TSM entity budgeted for a profit this year.

The Daily Texan, which accounts for 89 percent of TSM advertising revenue, has seen changes in the three years since it last posted profit.

Since 2009, The Daily Texan has sold its press, outsourced printing and distribution, which resulted in staff layoffs and is making plans to reduce summer print production to once weekly. A second round of layoffs among TSM professional staff followed a reorganization in 2011.

Borders' claim that he was dismissed because of budget-cutting proposals has led Cash to question the vice president's role. Cash said revising the Declaration of Trust to make the dean of the College of Communication the University's designee to oversee TSM, instead of the office of student affairs, would be preferable.

"[The College of Communication has] the right sensibility of journalism — of first amendment rights, of freedom of the press and our common disdain for prior restraint and censorship. I'm not sure the office of student affairs shares that sensibility," Cash said.

Kevin Hegarty, vice president and chief financial officer for the University, was appointed to investigate the conditions of Borders' termination.

Although Hegarty said the board should be granted the courtesy of consultation before terminating employees, he said because the University is the employer of TSM's employees, Borders was subject to termination by the University.

"The role of the University is to counsel, to coach and to do what it can to support the board of trustees," Hegarty said.

Hegarty said he hopes University and TSM relations improve after meeting.

"The intent is to be very consultative and to come to solutions that are collaborative and cooperative," Hegarty said. "Hopefully we can move forward."

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Visitors Welcome

We encourage any community member who has any kind of temporary or permanent disability to contact Texas Student Media beforehand so that appropriate accommodations can be made.



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over the globe, that Longhorns aren't just about sports," she said. "Longhorns get out there and help their communities. This is about passionate people that are doing things to change the world."

Adrienne Payne, vice president of the Austin chapter of Black Ex Students of Texas, said The Proj-

ect provides optimism.

"Every day on the news you always hear the negative and you never hear anything positive," Payne said. "I think today is important to let people know there are positive things going on in the world and people in the world that are able to help."

Payne said the global scope of the volunteer effort makes The Project's accomplishments more extraordinary.

"It's not just in Austin, Dallas or Houston. It's happening all over," she said.

Accounting junior Lucy Hu said she was eager to volunteer in local areas of need.

"It's exciting. I wanted to give back to the Austin area, and getting to do it in these communities has made it an even more enjoyable experience," she said.

Hu said she will remember being part of such a large-scale effort.

"It's nice to be able to do this and feel like you're contributing, especially in being part of such an immense event," Hu said. "It's impressive. It's special."

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"I just want to make it clear that I was wearing my swimsuit," Leffingwell said. "I don't trust those guys [on my team] that much."

After two weeks online, the video now has more than 10,000 views, Leffingwell said.

Gins said Wynn was in the video because he and Leffingwell are good friends and the video was a way to show their friendship as well as Wynn's political support for Leffingwell.

"We thought it would be funny to play the friendship of Lee and Will off the friendship of Ferris and Cameron," Gins said. "It was a good way to be funny and still show an actual endorsement."

Gins said councilman Riley was the only council member with an opportunity in his schedule to film and also because the mayor's opponents have been attempting to win Riley's support.

Riley said he thinks the mayor has done a great job in office so when he was asked to act in the video, he was excited to help Leffingwell's campaign. He said he only wishes he was a better actor.

"I've watched it back a few times and I really feel like I could have done more to capture the valley girl persona," Riley said. "I could have done some hand motions and done more with my voice, but I just wasn't exactly sure what they wanted right then."

Gins said he hopes the video will receive attention from younger voters and get them interested in voting in local elections. Gins said University Democrats endorsed Leffingwell in the last mayoral election and he hopes to win their support in this election.

UDems communications director Andre Treiber said the group has not made an endorsement yet, but they think the video is a hilarious and clever way to appeal to potential voters.

"We've all enjoyed the video and think it's a great way to engage people that are typically apolitical," Treiber said.

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NEWS BRIEFLY

BP oil spill settlement looming for potentially landmark deal

NEW ORLEANS — On the cusp of trial over the catastrophic 2010 oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, phalanxes of lawyers, executives and public officials have spent the waning days in settlement talks. Holed up in small groups inside law offices, war rooms and hotel suites in New Orleans and Washington, they are trying to put a number on what BP and its partners in the doomed Macondo well project should pay to make up for the worst offshore spill in U.S. history.

It is a complex equation, and the answer is proving elusive.

Trial is set for Monday, and by Friday, no deal had been reached, several people familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. The biggest stumbling block appeared to be the sheer size and sprawling uncertainty over the unprecedented dollar amounts at stake.

Financial analysts estimate BP's potential settlement payout at \$15 billion to roughly \$30 billion. The company itself estimated it would cost about \$41 billion in the weeks after the explosion to account for all of its costs, including cleanup, compensating businesses, and paying fines and ecological damage.

Egypt stops artifact smuggler from evacuating pieces of history

CAIRO — Egyptian security officials say they have thwarted an attempt by a British man and his wife to smuggle 19 artifacts out of the country.

Police say the couple were stopped in Luxor International Airport on Sunday with pieces in their luggage ranging from Pharonic statues and pottery to a Greco-Roman bronze coin.

Security officials spoke on condition of anonymity in line with police rules. Security around the country has deteriorated since last year's uprising when several pieces went missing from the Egyptian museum.

For centuries, Egyptian antiquities have been looted from the country, but authorities are demanding key pieces be returned.

Sec. of State Clinton calls for Syrians to rise up against Assad

RABAT, Morocco — Syrians in the military and business who still support President Bashar Assad should turn against him, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Sunday.

"The longer you support the regime's campaign of violence against your brothers and sisters, the more it will stain your honor. If you refuse, however, to prop up the regime or take part in attacks on your fellow citizens, your countrymen and women will hail you as heroes," Clinton said at a news conference in Morocco as she conveyed a message to those holdouts backers of the embattled leader.

Syria's authoritarian government held a referendum on a new constitution Sunday, but the opposition deemed it an empty gesture and the West dismissed the vote as a "sham."

— compiled from Associated Press reports

Days of unrest, instability underscore Quran burning

By Deb Riechman and Rahim Faiez
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Demonstrators hurled grenades at a U.S. base in northern Afghanistan, and a gun battle left two Afghans dead and seven NATO troops injured Sunday in the escalating crisis over the burning of Muslim holy books at an American airfield.

More than 30 people have been killed, including four U.S. troops, in six days of unrest. Still, the top U.S. diplomat in Afghanistan said the violence would not change Washington's course.

"Tensions are running very high here, and I think we need to let things calm down, return to a more normal atmosphere, and then get on with business," Ambassador Ryan Crocker told CNN's "State of the Union."

"This is not the time to decide that we're done here," he said. "We have got to redouble our efforts. We've got to create a situation in which al-Qaida is not coming back."

The attack on the base came a day after two U.S. military advisers — a lieutenant colonel and a major — were found dead after being shot in the head in their office at the Interior Ministry in the heart of the capital. The building is one of the city's most heavily guarded buildings, and the slayings raised doubts about safety as coalition troops continue their withdrawal.

The incident prompted NATO, Britain and France to recall hundreds



Rahmat Gul | Associated Press

Afghan security forces arrive at the scene of an anti-U.S. demonstration at a NATO military base in Jalalabad, east of Kabul, Afghanistan on Wednesday.

of international advisers from all Afghan ministries in the capital. The advisers are key to helping improve governance and preparing security forces to take on more responsibility.

A manhunt was under way for the

main suspect in the shooting — an Afghan man who worked as a driver for an office on the same floor as the advisers who were killed, Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqi said. He did not provide further details about

the suspect or his possible motive.

Afghanistan's defense and interior ministers were to visit Washington this week, but they called off the trip to consult with other Afghan officials and religious leaders on how

to stop the violence, Pentagon press secretary George Little said. The Afghan officials had planned to meet with Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey.

Israel boosts alliance with Azerbaijan

By Amy Teibel
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli defense officials on Sunday confirmed \$1.6 billion in deals to sell drones as well as anti-aircraft and missile defense systems to Azerbaijan, bringing sophisticated Israeli technology to the doorstep of archenemy Iran.

The sales by state-run Israel Aerospace Industries come at a delicate time. Israel has been laboring hard to form diplomatic alliances in a region that seems to be growing increasingly hostile to the Jewish state.

Its most pressing concern is Iran's nuclear program, and Israeli leaders have hinted broadly that they would be prepared to attack Iranian nuclear facilities if they see no other way to keep Tehran from building bombs.

Iran denies Israeli and Western claims it seeks to develop atomic weapons, and says its disputed nuclear program is designed to produce energy and medical isotopes.

In Jerusalem, Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, said Iran's nuclear program will take center stage in his upcoming talks with U.S. and Canadian leaders. Netanyahu is to meet with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Ottawa on Friday and



Ariel Schalit | Associated Press

In this March 7, 2007, file photo, the Israeli army Heron TP drone, also known locally as the Eitan, flies during a display at the Palmachim Air Force Base.

with President Barack Obama in Washington on Monday.

Speaking to the Israeli Cabinet on Sunday, Netanyahu said a U.N. nuclear agency report last week buttressed Israel's warnings that Iran is trying to produce a nuclear bomb. The agency said Iran has rapidly ramped up production of higher-grade enriched uranium over the last few months.

Netanyahu said the report provided "another piece of incontrovertible evidence" that Iran is advancing rapidly with its nuclear program.

It was not clear whether the

arms deal with Azerbaijan was connected to any potential Israeli planes to strike Iran. The Israeli defense officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not at liberty to discuss defense deals.

Danny Yatom, a former head of Israel's Mossad spy agency, said the timing of the deal was likely coincidental. "Such a deal ... takes a long period of time to become ripe," he told The Associated Press.

He said Israel would continue to sell arms to its friends. "If it will help us in challenging Iran, it is for the better," he said.

Changing political landscape has Democrats on defensive

By Beth Fouhy
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats are playing defense in governors' races in 2012, protecting eight seats — some in conservative states like North Carolina and Montana — while Republicans are safeguarding just four. But one of those is in Wisconsin, where a recall effort against incumbent Scott Walker has emerged as a national test of the confrontational measures many GOP governors have taken to balance state budgets.

Both parties agree the landscape is quite different than in 2010, where 37 states elected governors at the height of the economic downturn and amid roiling voter anger over government spending and debt. Republicans netted 6 new seats that year, including important presidential bellwether states like Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. There are currently 29 Republican governors, 20 Democrats and 1 independent.

This year, just 8 seats are up for grabs against a backdrop of a slowly improving national economy and a presidential contest that will draw a broader range of voters. Republicans are casting the contests as a referendum on their own party's leadership

in tough times while Democrats are calling it a potential course correction after two years of GOP overreach.

"The public in a number of states in 2010 thought they were sending the message that with new leadership in the governor's office they'd get an accelerated recovery. Instead they got a hard right turn in ideology," said Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, chairman of the Democratic Governors Association in an interview.

O'Malley pointed to Ohio, where voters soundly rejected a ballot measure backed by Republican governor John Kasich to curtail public employee unions, and Florida, where Rick Scott's aggressive budget cuts and remote style helped sink his approval ratings to record lows last year.

Nowhere are the parties' contrasting visions on more vivid display than in Wisconsin, where Democrats submitted more than a million petitions in January to recall Walker, whose efforts to slash state worker benefits and end their collective bargaining rights drew fierce protests from union members and other activists.

The special election is expected to take place in June, with a likely primary in May to select a Democrat to challenge Walker.

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VIEWPOINT

Survivor: Student Government edition

Voter turnout in this year’s Student Government elections may end up being the lowest in decades. Of course, that may have something to do with the fact that the contest is beginning to look less like an election and more like an episode from one of the later seasons of “Survivor” in which, facing flagging ratings, the network tries to rouse interest to make viewers care with some grand display that only makes them look more desperate.

One week ago, five presidential candidates stood before the campus. At the end of the week, only two remained. The first to go fell victim to fraud, while another fell because of some poor advertising choices. The third, possibly only running as a joke, dropped out, apparently convinced that the system was quite capable of making a mockery of itself without any outside assistance.

That is to say, SG elections looks as bad as, well, this time last year. The usual suspects — deception, fraud, conspiracy, falsification of documents — were trotted out in the aftermath of revelations that the Yaman Desai/Whitney Langston campaign misrepresented itself in an attempt to catch the Madison Gardner/Antonio Guevara campaign on some minor campaign finance violation. The apparent motive? A new rule that demands that a campaign must be immediately disqualified after a certain amount of fines.

This year, though, SG has managed to find a new source of embarrassment: an overly stringent system of rules that resulted in another campaign’s disqualification. The punishment in the Desai case was warranted. But mere days later, the swift hammer of SG justice fell again, knocking out Gardner and Guevara for a comparatively trivial violation. In the weeks prior to the election, Gardner’s campaign took a photo promoting his candidacy that included someone who later filed to run for office herself. Such association — even as nothing more than a background figure — is a violation of the SG election code and warranted Gardner’s removal from the ballot, according to the Election Supervisory Board.

The disqualification revealed that, in SG, justice is swift as well as blind, especially to any mitigating factors or a sense of proportionality. By disqualifying Gardner and Guevara, the ESB went too far according to any common sense understanding of what is fair.

The ESB’s defenders, including the SG judicial court, which rightly denied review of the case, point out that the punishment meted out by the board is nothing more than what the SG election code allows. Count this as the second indictment of a code that has created an electoral field so confined that no one can play on it without breaking at least one of its many rules. The first charge against the code might be that its recent “get tough” revision with respect to cheating has made campaigns more eager to scrutinize their opponents’ pamphlets than their platforms.

This election cycle has shown the failure of the code as a governing document. First, it failed to prevent the cheating it was supposed to scare everyone away from. Second, it confirmed that the discretion granted to the ESB is far too great and far too little — in the first case because the punishments seem to vary widely from year to year and in the second because the word “disqualification” is included in too many provisions.

Following this election, the code will no doubt be revised again. But SG should not be the group to revise it. Letting future candidates build in loopholes for themselves for use during election season again would not be wise.

Perhaps abysmal voter turnout will put SG on notice: Clean up or get out. This year has shown yet again that SG elections too often offer voters nothing but a sham democracy where what the students think never seems to matter. Maybe the \$112,800 that SG gets every year would be better spent on a few more math lecturers or on eliminating student co-pays at UHS.

 **By Drew Finke**
Daily Texan Columnist

There’s a battle taking place in West Campus. Walk past the construction sites and blocks of newly built mid-rise apartments along 22nd Street until you find yourself surrounded by mature leafy trees, green lawns and small bungalows. Take a left on David Street and you’ve arrived at the unassuming ground zero for the battle over the future of West Campus’ quieter side. If you haven’t heard about the political drama surrounding the construction of a proposed duplex on the street, don’t be surprised. Though this issue has everything to do with student housing, none of the lengthy and, at times, fraught dialogue about the issue has come from students.

At issue for the vacant lot on 1917 David Street is the density of students who will eventually live in a duplex planned for the site. According to the developer, the proposed duplex is intended as a quiet place of residence for up to three students per unit, which is the maximum allowed for duplexes according to city code. But according to the Original West Campus Neighborhood Association, a local civic group, the number of rooms in each proposed unit makes it more likely that the duplex will become overpopulated by up to 14 students.

While the proposed duplex contains only three bedrooms per unit, each unit also contains a “study” and “game room,” which neighbors argue will most likely be used as bedrooms for additional ten-

ants. In 2010, Ely Properties leased a similar duplex net door to the lot in question as a six-bedroom home, despite the fact that building plans submitted to the city by Ely prior to construction labeled nearly half the rooms as something other than bedrooms.

Although this small cluster of mostly older bungalow homes calls itself West Campus, it is far cry from the rowdy Greek houses and looming apartment blocks that characterize the part of the neighborhood closer to the University. While census figures show that the majority of the residents are nonetheless renters, this small group of streets has seen an increase in families with children, and those families understandably want to protect the quality of life they’ve grown accustomed to since moving in.

And while neighbor concerns about the noise, trash and parking demands generated by an over-inhabited “super duplex” warrant discussion at City Hall, missing from the debate on whether to permit the proposed structure is a consideration of student well-being. The West Campus location of the lot in question makes it highly likely that, one way or the other, the duplex will be inhabited by students if it ever gets approved for construction.

While more housing near campus is an important part of making affordable student housing a reality, the high demand near the University should not be an excuse for poorly designed dwellings. Regardless of whether the developer of 1917 David Street truly believes that students will use a “game room” or “study” for their

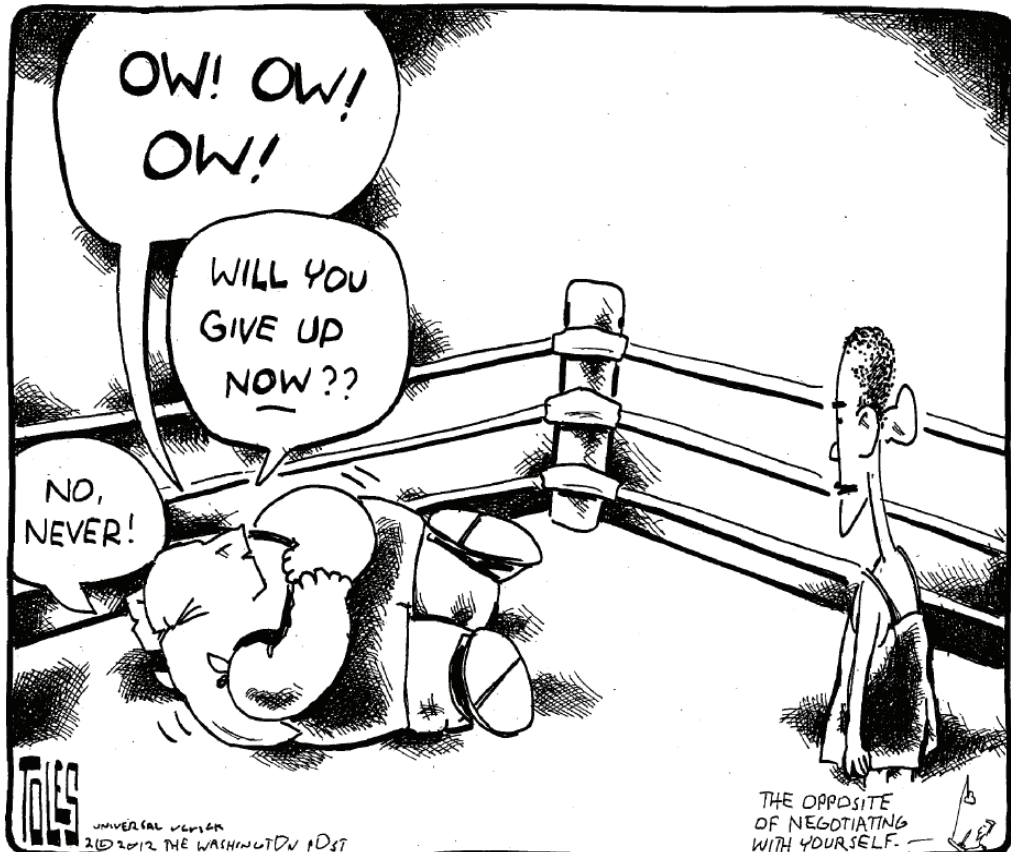
intended purposes, if past history and personal experience are precedents, then these rooms will eventually get marketed and inhabited as bedrooms.

According to city code, a room must have a window or door to the outside that can function as an emergency exit in the event of a fire to qualify as a bedroom. The neighborhood association’s latest proposal is to prevent the duplex’s developer from including windows that could function in this manner from the “study” and “game room” indicated on his plans. In theory, this would prevent these rooms from being marketed as bedrooms. However, in practice, this would more likely result in unsafe conditions for anyone who might choose to use those rooms as bedrooms.

Overcrowding of buildings and neighborhoods hurts the students who live in cramped conditions as much as it does the neighbors who must deal with increased traffic and noise. Oftentimes windowless “studies” and “bonus rooms” are advertised as “bedrooms” so that landlords can squeeze an additional tenant’s rent from apartments designed for fewer residents. These rooms aren’t just architecturally inferior, they’re also unsafe for the students who live there.

As city and neighborhood leaders decide how to handle 1917 David Street, they should be aware of the precedent it sets for future situations and should give as much consideration to the well-being of students as they do to the interests of property owners and developers.

Finke is an architecture and urban studies senior.



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Bridging the gap between unpaid work and experience

 **By Heba Dafashy**
Daily Texan Columnist

If you are graduating from college in May, there is one thing on your mind: life post-graduation. More than ten years ago, graduating with a college degree was sure to give you an edge in the work force. A high GPA was thought of as a plus and almost your golden ticket to a post-graduation job. However, despite the honor of being a Longhorn and graduating with a 4.0 GPA, these things will only get you so far in today’s job market.

What sets students apart from their peers in the current seemingly impenetrable job market? The answer is internships.

A 2010 study by the National Association of Colleges and Employers found that 42.3 percent of the seniors who had internship experience and applied for a job received at least one job offer, while only 30.7 percent of seniors without internship experience who applied for a job received an offer.

Various universities have realized the importance of internship experience and have taken serious initiatives to motivate students to intern. Some universities have even made internship experience a graduation requirement for all students. It would seem unfeasible for a large university such as UT to require internship experience among all graduates, but is the University doing enough to promote internship experience and make interning accessible to all students?

Over the last decade, UT developed programs such as the Bill Archer Fellowship Program, where UT students live and intern in Washington, D.C., for a semester while earning in-residence credit, and the UT Semester in Los Angeles Program. Such programs offer students some of the best experiences of their college careers. However, they are limited

to only a small number of students per semester.

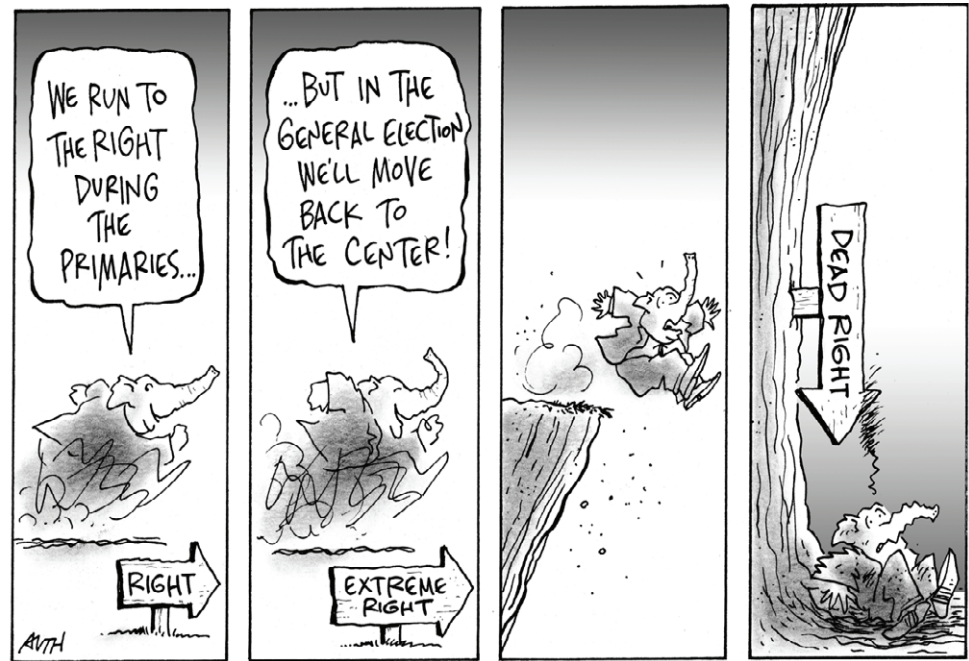
As paid internships are rare, one of the biggest drawbacks to interning is the lack of pay for students. Many students cannot afford to spend a summer or a semester working for free, as they have tuition and other finances to pay. Although many universities promote the importance of internships, few discuss this critical aspect interning.

One may say that as an intern, a student can earn college credit for their work, which will make up for the lack of pay. Although this may be true for internships during the school year, summer internships are not always counted as course credit. In order for an internship to translate into summer course credit, many students must enroll into the summer session and pay for summer tuition. In other words, some students will work for free and then have to pay almost \$2,000 to the University to obtain the credit.

To preach the importance of internships and genuinely promote this experience among students, UT must find a way to bridge the gap between unpaid work and gaining experience. One way to do this is to develop a program where a student receives a salary or even a stipend from the University while working in an unpaid internship. This would truly promote internship experience among students and therefore increase the opportunity of post-graduation employment. However in times such as these, where University funds are short, UT could also allow all summer interns to receive credit without paying the full summer tuition.

These measures are key to promoting internship experience among students. In addition to the natural competitive edge in the job market that comes with being a Longhorn, UT students will gain increased attention from future employers with internship experiences.

Dafashy is a Plan II senior.



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Earl Campbell hosts first annual benefit for multiple sclerosis

By Tracy Frydberg
Daily Texan Staff

Famed UT running back and Heisman trophy winner Earl Campbell hosted an event this weekend to raise awareness and funds for multiple sclerosis.

The first of what will become an annual “Flavors of Austin” event took place at the Texas Federation Women’s Club Mansion, featuring food and drinks from local restaurants, an auction and a star-studded guest list, including many former UT athletes and NBA hall-of-famers from the local community.

Debbie Pope, executive vice president of development, marketing and community development for the Lonestar Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, said “Flavors of Austin” is part of a series of events to raise awareness about multiple sclerosis.

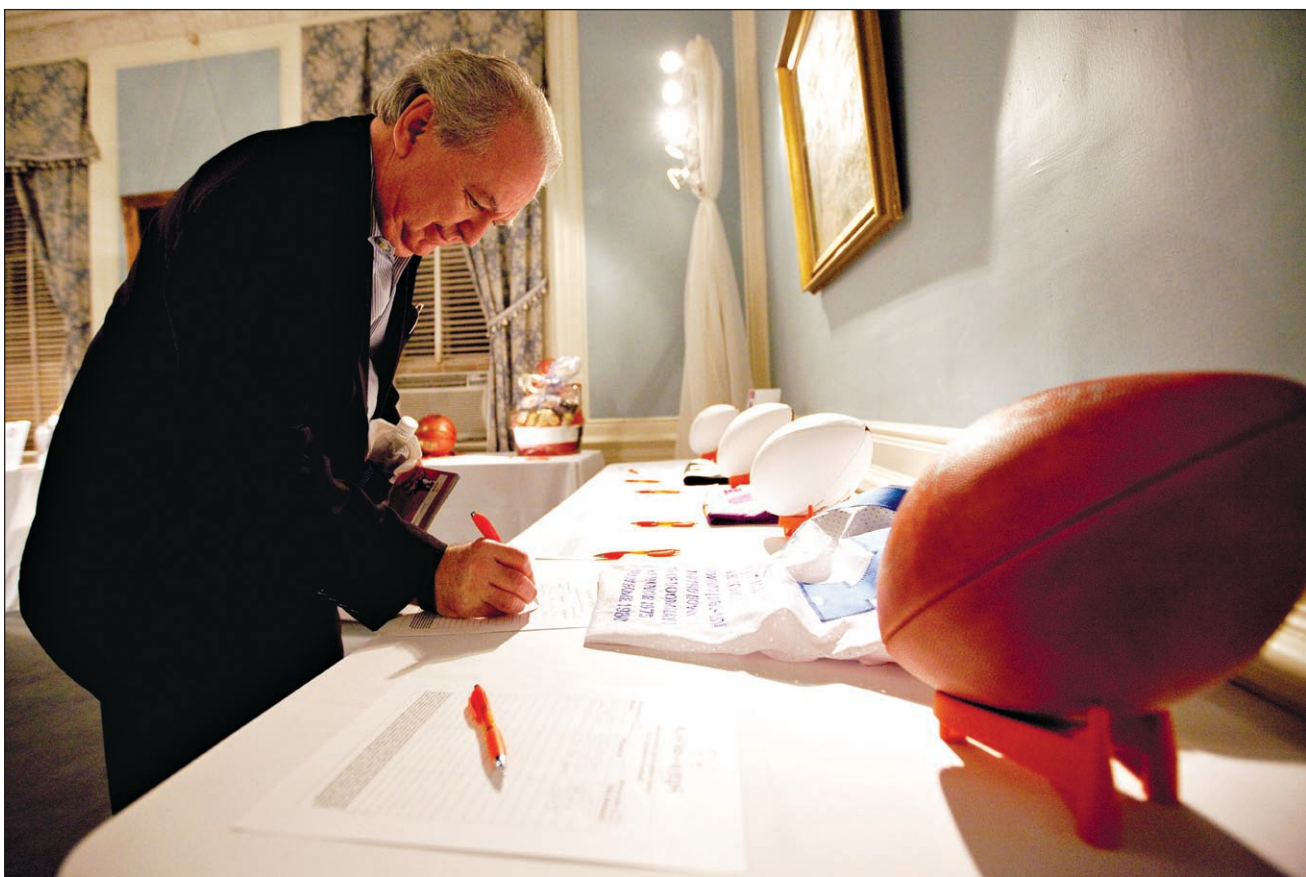
“This project originated 3 years ago when [Campbell’s son] Tyler reached out to us after he had been diag-

nosed with multiple sclerosis,” she said. “He realized that he had an important platform which he could use to raise money and support through the Pro Player Foundation which he had already been involved in, an organization that partners professional athletes with organizations to raise money for a cause.”

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic and aggressive disease which progressively attacks the nerves of the brain and spinal cord in the central nervous system. Symptoms can range from numbness in the limbs to paralysis and loss of vision. Initiatives such as Campbell’s are crucial in raising more awareness and funds for continued research to advance the treatment of the disease, Pope said.

The event is part of a greater movement called “The Campbell Project for MS,” which includes the “The Unstoppable Earl Campbell” campaign and it is part of an ongoing project which will continue for the next several years.

“[The Unstoppable Earl Camp-



Jay Parmelee bids on an autographed Dallas Cowboys jersey at the Flavors of Austin benefit Saturday night. The event raised awareness and money for The National Multiple Sclerosis Society and was hosted by UT football alumni Earl Campbell in honor of his son Tyler’s diagnosis.

Marisa Vasquez
Daily Texan Staff

bell’ campaign] revolves around a lithograph created by Warner Bros. which features Mr. Campbell as a UT Longhorn with the famous ‘Looney Tunes’ characters,” said Danny Simmons, communications manger and sponsorship coordinator for the Pro Player Foundation. “Proceeds from the event benefit The National MS Society and UT.”

Drew Lieberman, undeclared freshman and sports writer for The Horn, said Campbell remains an influential and positive figure at UT.

“Earl Campbell is very important to the University of Texas,” Lieberman said. “He was the first Heisman trophy winner in 1977, he picked Texas over OU and there is a statue of him in the stadium.”

Because of Campbell’s great contribution to UT, Lieberman said students ought to care and get involved with Campbell’s organization.

“Earl Campbell gave everything he had and sacrificed a lot for the football team and our university,” he said. “UT students have an obligation to stay informed with what is happening to Campbell’s son and give back

in any way possible.”

Pope said there are many ways for students to get involved with raising awareness about multiple sclerosis.

“We love to have UT students volunteering at our events and spreading awareness about the disease,” she said. “You can get in touch with us and we can match you up with what you are interested in and get you started.”

Austin takes 12th place for most generous city

By Paxton Thomes
Daily Texan Staff

Austin showed its affinity for donating by jumping three ranks from its 2010 position to the 12th most generous city in Convio’s poll, based on data gathered from 1,500 nonprofit organizations that use their fundraising software.

Convio is an Austin-based provider of software that allows nonprofit organizations to maximize their interactions with their donors. They released a study naming Austin as the 12th most gen-

erous out of 273 ranked cities in January. The study is comprised of cities that have a population greater than 100,000 and ranks them according to average donations per 1,000 people.

Convio spokeswoman Karoline McLaughlin said Austin’s jump forward in its ranking is an impressive feat, and something not all cities can easily claim.

McLaughlin said over the past four years they have done the study to show the progression of online donating and they want to share their results.

“We are really proud to be

the number one city in Texas,” McLaughlin said. “We have passed areas such as Houston who have greater populations, which means the population makeup of Austin is more generous.”

The change in rank can be attributed to the influx of people coming into Austin from different areas, McLaughlin said.

“A lot of people in the community are able to leverage their activities with charities,” McLaughlin said. “Austin is very wired when it comes to technology.”

Sly Majid, chief service officer in the mayor’s office said Austin

is ranked higher than other Texas cities because it is a technologically engaged city that enjoys helping those less fortunate.

“The ranking demonstrates that Austin has generous community members who help support those who are less fortunate,” Majid said.

Majid said he thinks Austin’s rank will increase in the future as a result of many different factors.

“I do think donations will increase in Austin for many different reasons,” Majid said. “One reason being the creation of the chief

service officer position whose job is to make people aware of different volunteer opportunities. This is one of the best cities for volunteer opportunities.”

Economics and mathematics senior Ava Villegas said the advances in technology that facilitate the act of giving are a great benefit to the community.

“I think the ranking is awesome. It shows how businesses cooperate with the community,” Villegas said. “Donations can make a change and it’s the principle of the matter that’s important.”

MOST GENEROUS CITIES, 2011

1. Seattle, WA
2. Alexandria, VA
3. Washington, DC
4. Arlington, VA
5. Cambridge, MA
6. Ann Arbor, MI
7. Berkeley, CA
8. San Francisco, CA
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10. St. Louis, MO
11. Atlanta, GA
12. **Austin, TX**
13. Pittsburgh, PA
14. Minneapolis, MN
15. Cary, NC

Candidates for the University Co-op Board of Directors



Saranya Kanagaraj

QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS

University of Texas at Austin, School of Architecture – Class of 2016
Capital Markets LLC., 2009-2011: Helped with paperwork and organization for business consulting company;
Handel Architects Intern, 2011: Organized presentations for clients, filed architecture plans

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

My experience as an architecture student has inadvertently created a relationship between me and the Co-op. Each week I purchase architecture supplies from the Co-op Art Store, and each week I get 20% of the money I spent back. Though I am not a business major, it is evident to me that strategies like the aforementioned one, keep customers loyal to the Co-op. As a board member, I would support decisions that help cultivate positive experiences with the Co-op. The University Co-op is unique from other businesses because the demographic it caters to is very specific—scholarly, young adults on a limited budget. Since I am the quintessential Co-op customer, I will be able to tell Board members what UT kids really need and want.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To help maintain a positive relationship between UT students and the University Co-op.
2. To represent the students’ collective interests by partaking in the Co-op’s decision making process.
3. To gain insight into how a large business operates and succeeds.
4. To bring creative suggestions and opinions to the Co-op Board of Directors.



Jacob Irvin

QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS:

College of Communication, Public Relations – Class of 2015,
Longhorn Legislative Aide, Director (Lambda Chi Alpha), Hiring Committee (Sherman ISD), District VI FFA Leadership Panel, Advisory Committee on Student Success (Sherman ISD), Sales Manager (Doug’s Corner Inc.)

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I am running for the Co-op Board of Directors in order to enhance the student knowledge of Co-op activities, provide a broader student opinion on Co-op decisions, and to enhance the Co-op experience for students and visitors alike. I have served on many different advisory boards, leadership panels, and in many officer positions in different clubs

throughout my high school and college experiences. I believe that I am qualified to serve the students of and the University of Texas at Austin at large for the 2012-2014 school years.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. Provide students with more knowledge regarding Co-op activities and promotions, so they can better understand the Co-op’s offerings.
2. Provide students with more opportunities to interact with the Co-op.
3. Enhance student voices in all Co-op activities.
4. Create more awareness of the Co-op for visitors to the University of Texas at Austin, and more opportunities for visitors to become involved with the University through the Co-op.
5. Improve the rental/purchase systems for textbooks, in order for students to have a better quality experience.



Stephen Tran

QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS:

McCombs School of Business, Finance, Business Honors,
Resident Assistant, IFC Affiliated/Greek Life, University Securities Investment Team, Texas Freedom Network, UT Faculty Council

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

My experiences here at UT, from being a resident assistant to being involved with Greek life, have shown me the many different kinds of people that UT is comprised of. If elected to the Co-op board, I will use my understanding of our diverse student body to make changes and decisions that will be beneficial to everyone. I aim to streamline the rebate system, make required book lists always available before classes start, reduce the production and purchase costs of UT branded goods, increase awareness and sales of the Co-op Market, and support student initiatives involving the Co-op.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. Simplify the rebate system by allowing students to present their ID at checkout to have their receipts saved automatically.
2. Work with faculty to ensure that required books and materials are listed with the Co-op long before classes start. This will help avoid shortages of textbooks and will allow students to order their textbooks before the semester actually starts.
3. Reduce the cost of UT/Longhorn branded goods and apparel by cutting down on production and trademarking costs.
4. Increase student/campus awareness of the new Co-op Market through promotions and discounts for students.
5. Work with students to determine what initiatives they would like to see instituted in the Co-op.



Holli Wertheimer

QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS:

McCombs School of Business, Major: Supply Chain Management
Minor: MIS, Accounting – Class of 2014
Bridging Disciplines Program: Leadership & Ethics, Business Ethics Track;
Student Consulting Initiative, Member of 1st Place Team;
Management Consulting Association, Member of 1st Class; Shell Intern at Meals on Wheels (Houston), Program Support Intern; Supply Chain Management Student Organization (SCMSO); Alpha Epsilon Phi

PERSONAL STATEMENT :

Now is my time to give back to this institution. Serving on the Co-op Board of Directors will allow me to combine my passion for business with my love and admiration for the University of Texas. I aspire to serve as the liaison between the Co-op and the student body, improving communication between the two parties. Through this role, I aim to match student needs with Co-op services, improving satisfaction and profitability on both sides.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. Maximize community impact though prime allocation of Co-op funds.
2. Analyze and evaluate the needs and wants of the student body to implement Co-op services and products to satisfy the determined needs.
3. Ensure all corporate actions adhere to the company’s ethical principles and mission statement.
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Freshman Matthew Kelley, right, slow dances with freshman Anjali Sethi after a silent moment at the Texas THON in Gregory Gym Saturday night. Thon participants raised over \$50,000 for Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas by standing for 12 consecutive hours.

Students dance for children's hospital

By David Maly
Daily Texan Staff

Students from across campus came together Saturday to "stand for children who cannot stand for themselves."

That is the motto of the Texas THON, an annual campus fundraiser benefiting the patients of the Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas. The event involved student volunteers who remained active on two legs for 12 straight hours as they participated in various themed activities. This year's theme was reality TV, and events included a "Jersey Shore" contest, a pretend NASCAR race and a ballroom dancing lesson. The event raised \$50,839.51, a campus record.

The Texas THON is a part of a similar network of events taking place on campuses nationwide to benefit hospitals that are part of The Children's Miracle Network.

Kip Holmes, program director for Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas, said the event has evolved from the traditional dance-off theme that these fundraisers began with into something more relatable for today's students.

"A lot of students don't want to come to a dance-off anymore," Holmes said. "We still have dancing, but there are so many other activities where the students don't have to dance at all. Anyone can participate."

Katie Raymond, English senior and event chair, said the event con-

tained dozens of activities, along with free food and merchandise. Local sponsors included Rudy's Texas Bar-B-Q, Texas Land and Cattle, Panda Express and Austin's Pizza.

"So many groups participate," Raymond said. "It's students from all across campus and local groups working for the cause."

Among attendees were some of the patients and their families. These families spoke throughout the event about their positive experiences with Dell Children's Medical Center of Central Texas and The Children's Miracle Network.

Marlie Frasier, a child patient and THON participant, said the event is a fun way for the community to help the hospital.

"I am dancing so that the hospital

can help children like me," she said. "It's so cool and so much fun."

Rhonda Cox, faculty advisor of the event, said although Texas THON has expanded rapidly in recent years, UT is still well behind other universities with the amount of funds raised. Penn State, just this year, was able to raise over \$10.6 million, Cox said.

"Penn State has set the standard for this fundraiser," she said. "Their event is simply called THON, and they have to turn student participants down. We want to get there too. We want students to beg to get in."

For next year, Texas THON is working to broaden their event even more, Holmes said. Various ways to catch local attention are being discussed.

"I would like to find a celebrity of something next year," she said. "There is so much we could do with this."

Man to face charges for illegal arms deal

By Juan Carlos Llorca
The Associated Press

A retired British businessman accused of plotting to sell missile components to Iran arrived in the U.S. late Friday to face charges after failing to overturn an extradition order.

Christopher Tappin faces charges in El Paso that he tried in 2006 to buy specialized batteries for Hawk missiles for \$25,000 from undercover American agents with the intention of exporting them to Iran.

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, Tappin arrived at the city's airport on a commercial flight Friday evening accompanied by U.S. Marshals, though he was able to slip by reporters. His first court appearance is scheduled for Monday.

The 65-year-old Tappin faces up to 35 years in jail if convicted. He fought extradition for two years until last month when he was denied a petition to take the case to Britain's Supreme Court. A subsequent appeal to the European Human Rights Court was also rejected.

Tappin denies any wrongdoing, saying he was the victim of a sting operation.

The order to deport Tappin sparked a debate in the U.K., where critics claim the country's extradition treaty with the U.S. does not provide equal protection for British and American citizens.

Prime Minister David Cameron has promised to carefully review the treaty and a recent independent study on its balance. That report, conducted by Lord Justice Scott Baker, largely endorsed the treaty, and the overhaul demanded by many of the deal's critics doesn't appear to be in the cards.

U.S. Marshals took Tappin into custody Friday morning at London's Heathrow Airport.

Tappin's attorney, Houston-based attorney Dan Cogdell said he will aggressively seek bond.

"He is not a flight risk, not a terrorist, not a danger," Cogdell said. He declined to comment further.

Tappin was accused in a 2007 three-count indictment of scheming to export the batteries to the U.K. without a license. Court documents show that a cooperating defendant provided computer files that demonstrate Tappin intended to then send the batteries to a Tehran-based company and that he and the cooperating defendant had illegally sold U.S. technology to Iran in the past.

Two other men have already been sentenced to prison times for charges stemming from the indictment. Robert Gibson, another British national, pleaded guilty in 2007 and was sentenced to 24 months in prison. Robert Caldwell, from Oregon, was also found guilty in 2007 and received a 20-month sentence.



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Christopher Tappin, with his wife Elaine, speaks to the media in London, where he is to be handed over to US marshals.



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33 Straight
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Texas continues dominance in pool

By Elijah Perez
Daily Texan Staff

For the 33rd year in a row, the Longhorns are swimming and diving conference champions. This reign stretches back to the days of the Southwest Conference and extends now into the Big 12. Coach Eddie Reece, who has led the Horns

to conference titles in every year of his career, was named Swim Coach of the Meet for the 11th time in his career following this most recent championship run. Over the course of the four-day event, No. 2 Texas earned 17 victories out of a total of 21 events over competitors No.18 Texas A&M and No.25 Missouri. This

strong showing started off with a clean sweep of Wednesday's events, setting the tone for the rest of the championship. On Thursday, Texas continued its string of strong performances. Charlie Moore, Austin Surhoff, Dax Hill and Jimmy Feigen kicked off the day with a victory in the 200-yard Freestyle relay. Up next, Jack-

son Wilcox led the way in the 500-yard freestyle, and was joined by two fellow Longhorns to round out the top three. Friday saw the wins continue to pile up for the Horns, as junior Nick D'Innocenzo won his second straight conference title in the 400-yard IM and Cole Cragin won the 100-yard backstroke.

On the final day of the championships, the Longhorns looked to finish off their title hunt in the same way they began it. Texas claimed victories in seven events on that day. D'Innocenzo earned his third title of the championship, running away with the

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



Lawrence Peart | Daily Texan Staff

J'Covan Brown attempts a shot on Saturday at Texas Tech. The junior guard finished with 14 points and had a key steal in overtime to help UT secure a win over the Red Raiders.

Brown's steal keeps Longhorns afloat

By Austin Laymance
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns' NCAA tournament hopes are still alive thanks to a timely steal from J'Covan Brown. Brown knocked the ball loose from Texas Tech's Javarez Willis and saved it from going out of bounds with 15 seconds left in overtime

and the game tied at 67. The junior fed Julien Lewis under the hoop for a layup with a pass as he was falling out of bounds to give Texas a 69-67 lead. Brown then converted two free throws with nine seconds remaining to seal the 71-67 win for Texas. He finished with 14 points, three assists and four steals — none bigger

than the last. It was Texas' second win in a game decided by six points or less (2-8) and it ended a two game losing skid. The Longhorns (18-11) improved to 8-8 in the Big 12 and are tied with Kansas State for fifth in the conference. Texas nearly burst its NCAA tourney bubble with a sluggish sec-

ond half, though. UT squandered a 12-point lead for a second straight game and allowed the Red Raiders (8-20, 1-15 Big 12) to slowly climb back after the break. "We don't understand momentum," said Texas coach Rick Barnes. "We don't understand how to build on it or u n -

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BASEBALL

Stanford sweeps UT in three-game series with little resistance

By Christian Corona
Daily Texan Staff

Texas traveled to Palo Alto, Calif., looking for an opportunity to bounce back from consecutive losses. Instead, the Longhorns were swept. Texas (2-5) lost each of its three games to No. 2 Stanford (7-0), capping off the series with a 15-1 defeat on Sunday afternoon that saw the Longhorns surrender more runs in one inning than they had in any of their previous 221 games. The Cardinal jumped out to early 5-0 leads in their first two games against Texas this week, beating the Longhorns 7-2 on Friday and 6-2 on Saturday. Between the three contests, Texas was outscored 28-5 and outhit 40-13 and have now lost five consecutive games, its longest losing streak since 2001, for just the 12th time in school history. The Longhorns are 2-5 on the season, their worst start in 68 years. Stanford pushed 13 runs across in the fourth inning of Sunday's victory over Texas, falling eight short of the record 21 runs scored by Wich-

ita State in 1984. The Longhorns allowed the Cardinal to bat around twice and used four pitchers in the frame. In the first game of the three-game set, Stanford center fielder and leadoff hitter Jake Stewart homered on the second pitch he saw as his squad scored twice in the first inning of the series. The Cardinal extended their lead to 5-0 in the second inning with three two-out runs. Texas was blanked until the eighth inning when senior center fielder Tim Maitland and freshman second baseman Brooks Marlow singled and scored in the frame. Stanford starting pitcher Mark Appel — the nation's No. 3 prospect, according to ESPN's Keith Law, tops among college players — allowed just three hits and one run in seven innings of work. On Saturday, Stanford dominated the early stages of the game and once again scored the first five runs of the contest. Sophomore shortstop Lonnie Kauppila's RBI double and junior catcher Eric Smith's

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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Chassidy Fussell scans the defense in the Longhorn's win over Oklahoma on Saturday. The sophomore matched a career-high with 30 points.

Goestenkers notches victory No. 100

By Stefan Scrafield
Daily Texan Staff

Head coach Gail Goestenkers got her 100th victory at Texas as the Longhorns were able to stay in the NCAA Tournament hunt with an 87-62 victory over the Oklahoma Sooners (18-10, 10-6) at the Frank Erwin Center on Saturday. Goestenkers' milestone victory couldn't have come at a better time as the Longhorns were in a must-win situation against the Sooners in the annual "Shoot for a Cure" game. With the win, Texas im-

proved to 6-10 in Big 12 play and 16-12 overall. "The most important win was this win," Goestenkers said. "I don't care if it's number 100 or number one, it's the most important one. We played with a sense of urgency that you would expect from a team in our position." Texas played with an intensity and work ethic that had been absent during its recent two-game slump. The Longhorns were diving for loose balls, fighting for rebounds and refusing to be outworked from the tip to the

final whistle. "We came out, and we knew our backs were against the wall," sophomore Chelsea Bass said, who tied her season high with 13 points. "Defensively we worked our butts off. When we work hard and have fun, we're a tough team to stop. We went to work on both ends of the court and we just had fun." Led by Yvonne Anderson's career-high eight steals and Ashley Gayle's six blocks, the Longhorns forced 25 turnovers. Texas had 25

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Senior outfielder Tim Maitland runs the bases against Duke earlier this season. Maitland had a single that led to a run scored in a loss to Stanford in game one of the weekend series. It was his lone hit in five at bats.

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sac fly gave the Cardinal a 2-0 advantage after two innings. Sophomore right fielder Austin Wilson led off the fifth frame with a solo home run and junior second baseman Kenny Diekroeger hit a two-run double to extend the lead to 5-0 as Stanford went on to triumph, 6-2.

The Longhorns began the series finale better than the

previous two games, going into the bottom of the fourth inning tied at 1-1, following a sac fly by senior first baseman Kevin Lusson that drove in sophomore third baseman Erich Weiss. But the wheels fell off in that fourth frame, when the Cardinal sent 18 batters to the plate. Nine of them notched base hits, three were hit by a pitch, three walked

and another reached on an error as UT pitchers John Curtiss, Ricky Jacquez, Parker French and Dillon Peters combined to allow 13 runs in the inning.

Stanford's starting pitchers — Appel, Brett Mooneyham and John Hochstatter — posted a collective 1.28 ERA and held the Longhorns hitters they faced to a .151 bat-

ting average. Meanwhile, the three pitchers Texas started against the Cardinal — Nathan Thornhill, Milner and Curtiss — registered a combined 7.50 ERA and allowed opposing Stanford hitters to bat .357 on the series.

The Longhorns will square off against Houston Baptist Tuesday evening in their next game.

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200-yard breaststroke.

For the second year in the row, D'Innocenzo swam a competitive meet. The junior from Andover, Mass. named back-to-back Outstanding Swimmer of the Meet.

"It is nice to get this honor but I still

have a long way to go," D'Innocenzo said, "I had a pretty good meet and had some good swims. As a team we have every intention to swim fast and want to show up and perform but our top priority is NCAAs."

Saturday also served as the coming out party for a young face on the Texas roster. Freshman Kip Darmody captured the 200-yard backstroke en route to being named Newcomer of

the Meet.

"It is great to perform this way and get some confidence moving forward," Darmody said, "I was happy with my individual performances and hopefully I can carry it on to NCAAs."

This year's championship was a telling one for the Longhorns. It saw the emergence of a freshman stud in Darmody, the lengthening of a title run for D'Innocenzo,

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points off turnovers compared to the Sooners' six.

"It's good for our confidence," Goestenkors said. "We just worked so hard. This game just showed what can happen for us when we all put forth a supreme effort."

Texas' performance was by far its strongest against a conference opponent this season. The Longhorns' 87 points were the most they've scored in a Big 12 game this year, and the 25-point margin of victory was their biggest win thus far in league play.

"We came out and set the tone," Goestenkors said. "It was a tremendous team effort. Everybody really played well, played together and played hard. We were determined tonight, and we sustained that energy for 40 minutes."

Texas' offensive attack was led by sophomore Chassidy Fussell's career-high 30 points. The soph-

omore shot 45 percent from the field (10 of 22) and made all seven free throw attempts.

"My teammates were great tonight," Fussell said. "They know when and where to give me the ball. Yvonne [Anderson] and Ashleigh [Fontenette] were able to find me when I was open. It had a lot to do with my teammates out there tonight."

Although Fussell stood above the rest, Texas got points from eight of its nine players, including double-digit numbers from Fontenette (18), Bass (13) and Anderson (12). Gayle led the team with six assists.

"We always welcome points from anybody," Goestenkors said. "We had great balance tonight. One or two people aren't going to win games for us. We need to have balanced scoring, and tonight we did that."

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derstand the flow of the game."

For Brown, overtime provided some redemption for an ill-advised foul at the close of the second half that allowed Tech to prolong the game.

With Texas ahead, 59-55, with 21 seconds to play, Brown fouled Jordan Tolbert in the backcourt as soon as the Red Raiders inbounded the ball off a free throw made by Lewis. Tolbert made both free throws and Brown couldn't find an open man on the ensuing inbounds play, resulting in a turnover.

Tech then tied the game at 59 with a Willis jump shot with 16 seconds to play. Texas couldn't get a shot off and the game went into overtime.

UT overcame a six-point deficit in the extra period, though, and displayed grit that was absent in its previous close games. Playing against the conference's worst team also helped.

"We had a six-point lead with like 2:10 to go [in overtime], and then we foul, give up a three, came out of a timeout and fouled again," Willis said. "Basically that's just giving up the game. We knew we should have won that game."

Texas was lost on the offensive end at times, but the defense kept the Longhorns in the game. UT forced 20 turnovers and converted them into 23 points.

"We never got a shot at the basket the last minute and 45," said Texas Tech coach Billy Gillispie. "Four turnovers in a row when you have the lead. You can't do that to win."

Texas started slowly and trailed, 12-3, five minutes into the game. But the Longhorns put together a 28-5 run and led, 33-22, at the half.

Lewis paced UT with 15 points and seven rebounds. Myck Kabongo and Clint Chapman each added 12 points. All nine Longhorns who played scored.

The Red Raiders switched their defense in the second half, with four men playing zone and one hounding Brown wherever he went. Tech took the Big 12's leading scorer out of the equation, but Brown became the facilitator and Lewis the primary scorer.

"I didn't want to force anything," Brown said. "I knew my guy was going to stay with me, and the game turned into 4-on-4. The other guys adjusted to it."

It wasn't pretty, but the Longhorns won a game they couldn't afford to lose.

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combined for second place in the 400 medley relay, their time just below the NCAA qualifying standard.

Strong performances popped up throughout the day, as Moldenhauer placed third in the 100 butterfly and second in the 100 backstroke, while Sogar swam her quickest 100 breaststroke race of the season with a time of 1:00.31.

Two Texas divers competed in the 3-meter competition on Friday. Shelby Cullinan placed fourth with 335.75 points and Diana Wilcox took seventh with 311.75 points.

On the final day of the meet, Sogar nabbed her first

NCAA qualifying standard with a 2:08.36 in the 200 breaststroke. Gretchen Jacques swam her fastest time of the season for fourth place, a 2:13.65.

Wilcox placed second in the platform diving competition with 298.30 points, and Cullinan took third with 282.60 points.

Bispo, Tucker and Amundsen dominated the 100 freestyle race with times under 50.00, placing second, third and fourth.

Freshman Kelsey LeNeave swam her season best in the 1650 freestyle with a time of 16:16.41 and placed second overall. Another fresh-

man swimmer, Kaitlin Pawlowicz, followed close behind in fourth place with a time of 16:27.87.

The Longhorns finished strong with a win in the last event, the 400 freestyle relay, a race Texas has claimed three of the last four years, with swimmers Bispo, Amundsen, Hooper and Tucker finishing with a 3:16.42.

Texas finished the meet with 873 points, second to rival A&M's 1,019 points.

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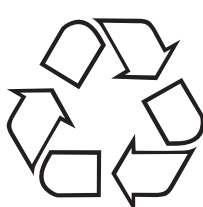


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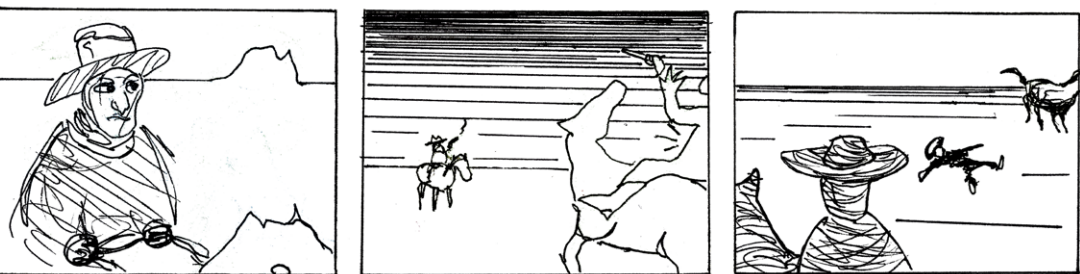
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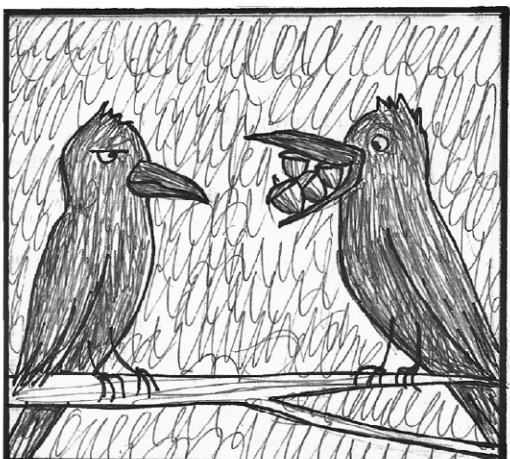


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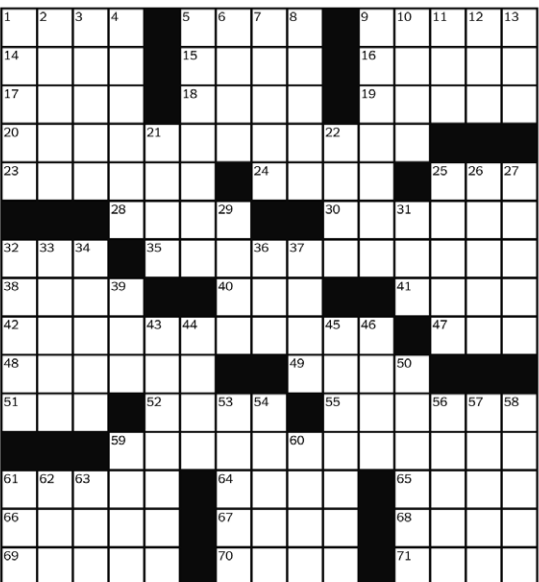
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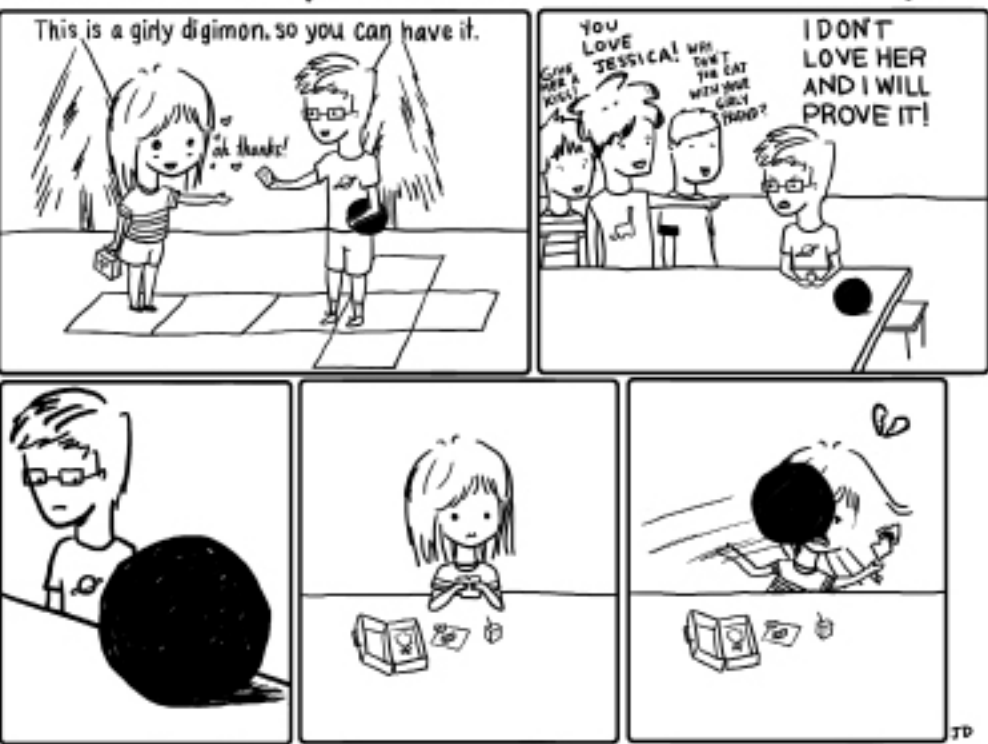
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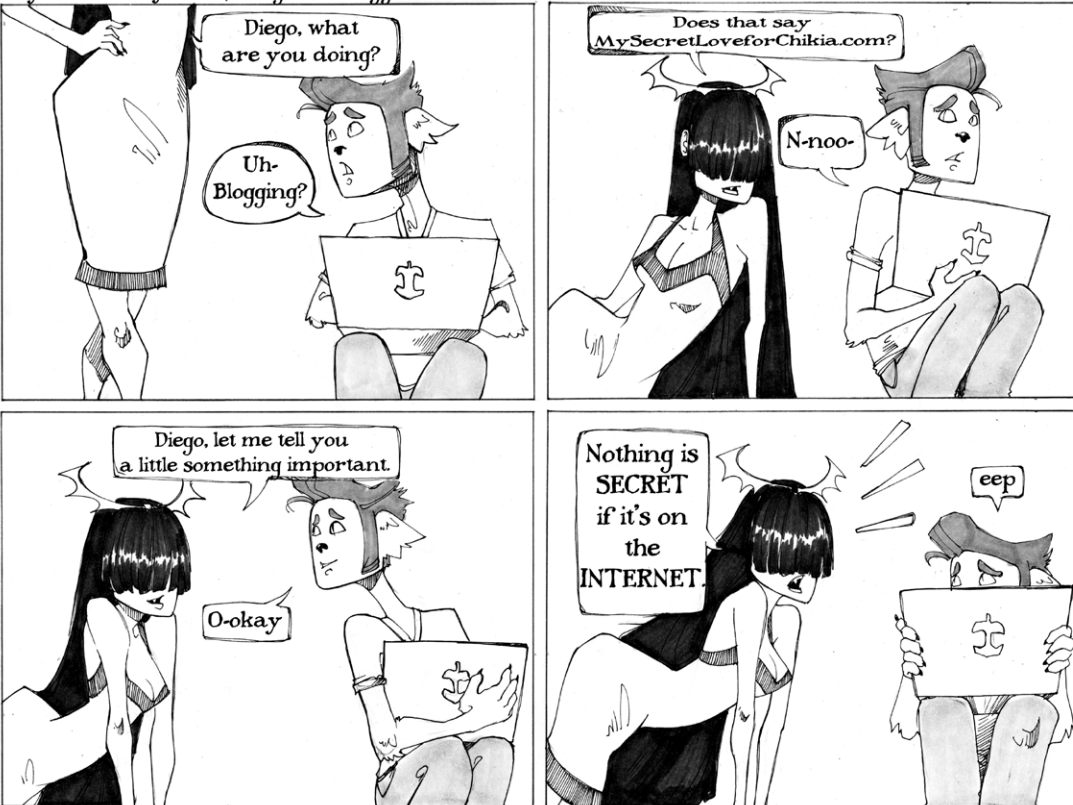


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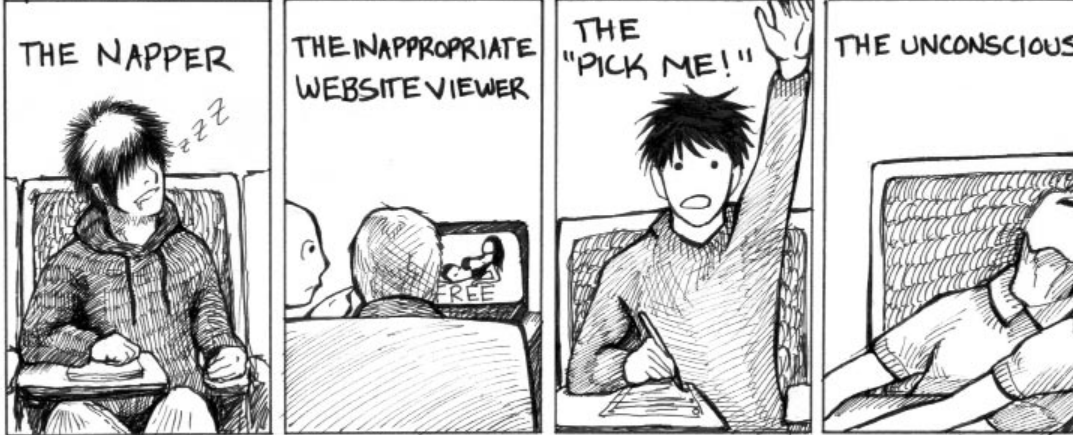
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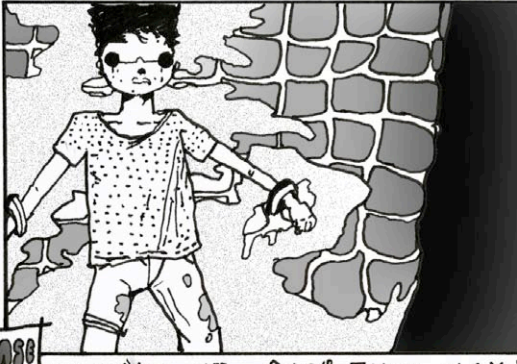


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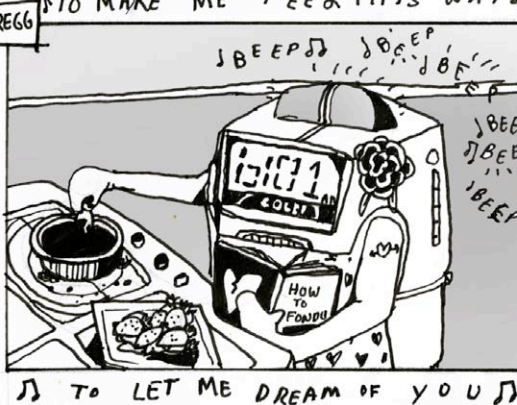
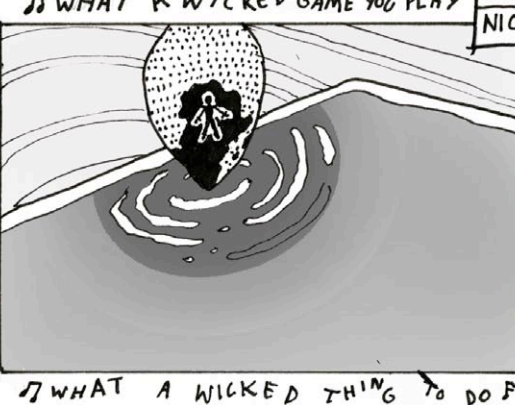
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Band with motown influences debuts at Stubb’s

By Elijah Watson
Daily Texan Staff

There is an infectious charm to local frontwoman Rebecca Butler, the vocalist and rhythm guitarist of her own band, Rebecca Butler and The Richards. The group, who will be opening up for pop songstress Katie Herzig tonight at Stubb’s Jr., is a suitable accompaniment for Monday’s concert. The group finds a medium between Motown-esque catchiness and indie rock bravado, resulting in a one-way ticket to dance rock euphoria.

Butler, raised on an eclectic palette of soul, garage rock and pop, fronts her band vigorously, her confident swagger and girlish charm a cross between The Kills’ Alison Mosshart and Adele. Butler spoke with The Daily Texan about influences, her upcoming show with Katie Herzig, and what’s coming up next for her band.

The Daily Texan: Let’s begin with how your band came together.

Rebecca Butler: I’ve been singing, writing and performing songs since I was five years old. Once I got to college I met [guitarist] Sam Ogden, and we began playing acoustic shows until last year, when [keyboardist] Pierce Saxon, [drummer] Jordan Cook and [ex-bassist] Jack Pearl joined the group. Recently, the group has gained a lot of momentum, and has this pop, dance vibe to it. It’s cool to see how the band has evolved.

DT: What influenced you to take music seriously?

RB: For as long as I can remember, it’s been something that I’ve always wanted to do. When I was younger I used to do Aretha Franklin and Cher impressions, and I would make choreographed dance routines to commercials on TV. Back then it was more about Motown and soul; those were my sources of inspiration. Those are the base of what I love.

DT: What would you say now influences you as a songwriter?

RB: I like a lot of British artists, especially in the pop field. I think British pop has more substance and depth than American pop. I love



Skylar Isdale | Daily Texan Staff

The up-and-coming rock band, Rebecca Butler and The Richards, are opening tonight at 8 for Katie Herzig at Stubb’s Jr. The pop-friendly group has captured a unique style between Motown and indie rock, causing their name to become more familiar in the local Austin music scene.

artists like Adele, Lily Allen and Kate Nash, and what I like about all of them is that, along with being able to sing beautifully, they’re not afraid, lyrically, to tell it as it is. They’ll call all your shit out, but sing it in a way that contrasts against the lyrical content. That is something I try to incorporate into my music.

DT: Your old band, The Boo Who’s, performed with Gym Class Heroes two years ago, but shortly after that the group broke up. What happened with The Boo Who’s?

RB: It felt forced. It was fun at the time, but it’s not what I felt inspired to write. I don’t think it was nearly my best effort because it was forced and it was not my style, you know? So it dissipated, and some of us moved into this new band [Rebecca Butler and The Richards].

DT: What led to you wanting to redefine your sound for Rebecca Butler and The Richards?

RB: Even though pop hasn’t always been a huge part of what I listen to, it’s always sort of been what I’ve written. My songs usually come

out really pop-y. With the addition of Sam, Pierce, Jordan and [new bassist] Patrick Young, the music has become much more dancey. People love to dance, and we enjoy performing these songs live.

DT: How did your performance with Katie Herzig come about?

RB: My manager suggested the band to Katie’s manager when the original opener for the show backed out. We’re really excited because it’s a good opportunity to prove to Stubb’s and Katie Herzig that we’re a great band and we can draw people out.

DT: You’re currently recording a new EP that will be released on May 11. How was the recording process?

RB: Last year we won a Battle of the Bands competition at St. Edward’s, and that gave us 10 hours of free recording time at the Austin Recording Conservatory. We’re recording three new songs, which we plan to compile on a CD with some of our best songs from our last release, some time later. The studio is really nice — it’s kind of out in west Austin with all of these amazing views.

Katie Herzig; Rebecca Butler and the Richards

Event Details

DATE | Monday, Feb 27.

TIME | 8 p.m.

LOCATION | Stubb’s Jr. (inside)

WEB | [rebeccabutlermusic.com](#)

TICKETS | \$10

We’re used to recording in small studios, so it’s been a really cool experience. We’re going to get them mastered and radio-ready; we’re preparing ourselves to get big.

DT: What can we expect next from Rebecca Butler and The Richards?

RB: We have a lot of shows coming up: we have three SXSW unofficial shows, and on May 11 we will be releasing our EP at [restaurant and venue] Frank. Just a lot more shows, and an awesome EP coming out.

‘Voices’ has little literary value, contains entertaining thrills

By Robert Starr
Daily Texan Staff

As far as literary value goes, “Voices of the Dead,” a new pulpy revenge thriller by Peter Leonard, doesn’t have much to offer. The prose is terse, telling the reader exactly what’s going on with little room for verbose flourishes or poetic descriptions. The story is absurd, invoking a Nazi as its villain along with a hero that seems more Jason Bourne than the everyday man that he’s supposed to be. Despite this, it’s quite an entertaining read: an exciting novel where the only thing keeping the reader from munching more popcorn is that they need to use their hand to turn another page.

The story takes place in 1971 and focuses on Harry Levin, a Holocaust survivor who was able to put the war behind him until a German diplomat and closet Nazi kills his daughter in a drunk driving accident, getting away with it because he has immunity. Since the government refuses to help, Levin embarks on a journey to enact revenge for his daughter’s death.

There’s not a whole lot of originality here in terms of the story, which combines one part “Lethal Weapon 2” with two parts “Taken,” but Leonard (son of crime writer Elmore Leonard) keeps things moving along fast enough so the reader cares more about the action and characters than the implausibility of why it’s happening.

While Leonard writes in a different world than his father and with a different style, focusing less on criminal low-lives and more on normal people caught in the crossfire of

crime, he follows the important rules that have made the senior Leonard’s books such a success: he cuts out the boring parts and focuses on the characters, not allowing anything to come between the reader and the story, rather than trying to impress with stylistic flourishes.

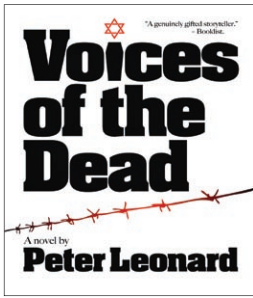
As such, the novel comes across as very cinematic and could likely be turned into a pretty good movie without the need for many adaptive changes.

More than anything else, though, it’s clear Leonard had fun writing the book, which translates into making it fun to read. Though the novel deals with serious subject matter, specifically the Nazi atrocities of the Holocaust, it never gets heavy-handed. While remaining respectful to the history, Leonard uses it as a backdrop to provide motivation for his characters and to give us a villain we can truly despise (though who occasionally comes off as a bit cartoonish).

There are plenty of great literary novels on the bookshelves, but good pulp writers are often undervalued. It’s not the easiest thing in the world to write a book that succeeds solely based on its story and characters, and though not without its flaws, Leonard’s “Voices of the Dead” manages to do so.

It’s a mindless thriller, but it provides the thrills that it promises, wasting little time in its set-up and offering a relentless pace. Readers may have questions by the time they turn the final page, but so long as they don’t take it too seriously, it’s unlikely they’ll have many complaints.

BOOK REVIEW



Voices of the Dead

Peter Leonard

GENRE | THRILLER

PAGES | 336

IF YOU LIKE | Greg Iles, Dean Koontz, Elmore Leonard



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- Sandwich Shop
- Vegetarian
- Coffeehouse
- Late-night Food
- Dessert
- Neighborhood Bar
- Downtown Bar
- Sports Bar
- Trailer Food
- BBQ
- Breakfast
- Breakfast Taco
- Campus Food
- Mexican
- Chinese/Asian
- Burger

BEST SHOPPING & SERVICES

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- Grocery Store
- Liquor Store
- Textbooks
- Thrift/Resale Shop
- UT Gear/Souvenirs/T-Shirts
- Hair/Nail Salon
- Spa
- Bike Shop
- Tattoo/Piercing
- Computer + Repair
- Autocare
- Barbershop
- Apartment Locator
- Pet Services

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- Event on Campus
- Campus Coffee
- West Campus Housing
- Off-Campus Housing

Your Name

Your E-mail

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OSCARS 2012

ACADEMY AWARD WINNERS



BEST PICTURE | *The Artist*

ACTOR IN A LEADING ROLE | Jean Dujardin, *The Artist*

ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE | Meryl Streep, *The Iron Lady*

ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE | Christopher Plummer, *Beginners*

ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE | Octavia Spencer, *The Help*

DIRECTOR | Michel Hazavanicius, *The Artist*

RECAP

Another Academy Awards goes by and just a few minutes after, the show is all but forgotten (*Jean Dujardin—who won for Best Actor?*). Except for Angelina's left leg sticking out of her dress, the show was a tame affair, from the traditional host of Billy Crystal to the largely unsurprising winners. Nonetheless, here are a few highlights (both wonderfully stupendous and gut-wrenchingly bad) from last night.

BEST

Meryl Streep

In a night when even the most casual award show-watcher could have predicted the winners, leave it to Meryl Streep to inject some surprise into the show as the winner of Best Actress, inching past frontrunner Viola Davis. And with that speech so humble and eloquent — which included a heartfelt thanks to her makeup artist for years — Streep showed us all how it's done.

Acceptance Speeches

Speaking of speeches, it was the acceptance speeches from the winners this year that actually kept the show afloat. While there were the usual naming off a laundry list and the stale jokes (please, no more, "[insert kid's name here], go to bed now!" comments), Best Supporting Actress winner Octavia Spencer offered an emotional shout-out to her home state of Alabama, while Best Actor winner Jean Dujardin could barely compose himself during his endearing and loving speech.

WORST

Opening Monologue

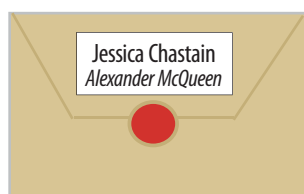
Having Billy Crystal as host was a safe bet, but having him do yet another opening in which he is injected into the scenes of the nominated films did little to reassure viewers that there would be any creativity last night. Nothing screams cultural relevancy than an appearance by that hot new singer Justin Bieber. The whole thing was mechanical and a desperate attempt at freshness.

Jokes

When even Kristen Wiig and the cast of "Bridesmaids" can't make you chuckle with some double entendres, you know there's something wrong with the comedy of the show. Academy, how hard is it to call up Tina Fey?

Introduction of Acting Nominations

While it's understandable the producers didn't want to waste precious time or man power to bring out a person with a personal connection to the acting nominees to introduce them, as they have in year's past, having last year's winner attempt to offer the acclaim just felt insincere. Natalie Portman barely made it through her stilted reading of the teleprompter while introducing the Best Actor nominees.



FASHION

Lets' face it: the most wonderful time of the year isn't the holiday season. It's award season. Is there a more absolutely delightful, frivolous annual pastime than judging the sartorial choices of millionaire film types while they preen and self-congratulate? Here's our take on the best and worst dressed at this year's Academy Awards ceremony.

BEST VS WORST

Jessica Chastain

Jessica Chastain was dressed in an absolutely luxurious black strapless gown by Alexander McQueen richly embroidered in gold, which contrasted magnificently with her strawberry-blonde updo.

Christopher Plummer

Christopher Plummer showed up all the younger actors on the red carpet in his egg-plant velvet smoking jacket and bow tie.

Tina Fey

Tina Fey, although we love her, can be hit or miss when it comes to her red carpet looks. This year though, she was a knockout in a form-fitting navy custom Carolina Herrera, with an adorably flouncy peplum accent and a black velvet belt.

Octavia Spencer

Winner for Best Supporting Actress Octavia Spencer flattered her curves in a glittering cream gown by designer Tadashi Shoji.

Emma Stone

Emma Stone defied the old rule that red-heads shouldn't wear red in a vividly scarlet fitted dress by Giambattista Valli Couture, which featured a high neck and a huge festive bow right at her shoulder.

Shailene Woodley

Shailene Woodley, the 20-year-old actress whose performance in "The Descendants" has been especially praised, dressed far too maturely for her age in a white long-sleeved dress by Valentino Couture.

Sandra Bullock

Sandra Bullock, in an ill-fitting black-and-white dress by Marchesa, didn't nearly live up to her stunning red Vera Wang from last year's Academy Awards.

Kristen Wiig

Kristen Wiig, despite her uproarious Oscar-nominated script for "Bridesmaids," made a snoozy show on the red carpet with her too-trendy nude J. Mendel gown.

Berenice Bejo

Berenice Bejo of "The Artist," the movie which took this year's Best Picture award, made the same aging mistake in her mint green Elie Saab. The long sleeves on an otherwise delicately gorgeous dress didn't suit a woman of her youth.